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BUDGET UPDATE

The Department's 2006-2007 budget was passed out of the House and Senate Appropriations Conference Committee. Full House and Senate floor action is expected to occur within the next two weeks.

The budget allocates \$1.94 billion in gross appropriations, which is \$80 million more than last year's budget.

One hundred per cent of the \$80 million increase is economics for personnel costs, food, fuel and utilities. Additionally, this is the first time in 21 years that there is no new funding for additional prison beds.

Highlights of the budget include:

1. New employee schools, which will train 695 new corrections officers at a cost of \$8.8 million.
2. Global Positioning Monitoring (GPS) will passively monitor parolees who have committed serious criminal violations and have high rates of recidivism, at a cost of \$1.6 million.
3. Information technology projects will increase by \$1.78 million. We will replace the mission critical servers housing the Offender Management Network Information (OMNI) system, and work to complete the migration of the Department's older mainframe application, CMIS, to the new OMNI application.

"This has been another difficult budget cycle. The Department continues to look for efficiencies wherever we can. We have taken about \$375 million in reductions since FY 2002 and will continue to utilize the taxpayers' dollars in the most efficient manner possible."
— Director Patricia L. Caruso

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4. Funding of MPRI first and second round sites and other MPRI initiatives
5. Closure of Camp Brighton and transfers funding to more efficient sites
6. Funding for 56 additional parole and probation agents.

The budget bill will face floor action in the House and Senate within a couple of weeks. There can be no amendments in either chamber to a bill reported out by a joint conference committee. If passed by both houses, the bill then goes to the Governor's desk for her signature. She has the option of imposing a line item veto of provisions in an appropriation bill. Once she signs the bill, it becomes law and becomes effective the first day of the new fiscal year, October 1, 2006.

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